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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A lubricating base stock for internal combustion engine oil consisting essentially of the an ester (A) according to claim 1 and an ester (B) having an average molecular weight that is different from that of the ester (A)[[.]] :

wherein the ester (A) is obtained from an ethylene oxide adduct of diol having a neopentyl structure and a saturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acid having 4 to 12 carbon atoms.

the ethylene oxide adduct is obtained by adding ethylene oxide to a diol having a neopentyl structure in a ratio of 1 to 4 moles with respect to 1 mol of the diol, and

the saturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acid is a linear carboxylic acid or a mixture of saturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acids comprising a linear aliphatic monocarboxylic acid in a ratio of at least 50 mol%;

wherein the ester (B) is obtained from a neopentyl polyol alkylene oxide adduct and a saturated aliphatic monocarboxylic acid ,and ;

a weight ratio of the ester (A) and the ester (B) is 80 : 20 to 99.9 : 0.1; and

a dynamic viscosity of the lubricating base stock for internal combustion engine oil at 100°C is 1 to 5 mm²/s, a viscosity index of the lubricating base